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30,000 new jobs needed in area by '75—can we make it?

By DANNY FRANCIS

About 30,000 new jobs will be needed in the Ottawa-Hull area in the next four years if a growing labor force is to be provided work.

No one is quite sure where these jobs are going to come from.

Last week the Economic Council of Canada predicted that if unemployment is to decrease to an "acceptable" level (about four per cent of the labor force), 1.4 million new jobs will be required in the next four years.

In the Ottawa-Hull region, the challenge looks just as great.

According to statistics provided by the Commercial and Industrial Development Corp. of Greater Ottawa, the labor force of the area numbers about 245,000. This is an increase of 77,000 since 1961, or an annual increase of 4.5 per cent. (During the period 1965-70 the national rate of growth was 3.2 per cent.)

If the local labor force continues to grow at the same rate in the next decade, then by 1975 there will be about 30,800 new persons looking for work.

The economic council, however, expects the national rate of increase to slow to 2.8 per cent and if the Ottawa area falls in line then about 27,450 new jobs will be required.

In either case, it's a lot of jobs. Where are they going to come from?

As the largest employer in the Ottawa-Hull area, the federal government will be providing some of the jobs.

At the moment there are about 48,000 civil servants here. In the past five years the Public Service Commission's rate of hiring has increased by 3.1 per cent annually. Dave Monk, director of information for the Treasury Board, says that rate is expected to be maintained.

The result will be an additional 1,440 civil service jobs next year; and in the next four years, about 6,180 new jobs.

It's a sizable number, but enough to make only a small dent in the 30,000 required.

The City of Ottawa is another substantial employer. But R. J. Wilson, personnel manager for the city, doesn't expect a rapid increase in hiring rates.

"There will be the normal expansion of government services but I'm not sure it will create new jobs," he said.

Mr. Wilson said that the city is involved with other levels of government in programs which will increase employment in the short run. He gave as an example a convalescent home being built by the regional municipality on Porter Island.

But in the long run, government services "don't tend to create additional jobs," said Mr. Wilson, because they haven't the expansionary effect of jobs in private business.

A poll of some of Ottawa's larger private employers showed a similar view.

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. employs about 1,400 persons in Ottawa. Company vice-president and general manager, Philip Briggs, said there "probably will be no large increase here."

Mr. Briggs said that his company plays a major role in creating employment through investment in job-intensive areas such as construction, instead of through direct hiring. He expected this kind of activity to continue.

Bell Canada is another large employer (4,000 workers, according to the Eastern Ontario Development Corp. Data Book) that can predict no large increase in its employment rates.

George Ross, personnel manager for Bell, said hiring was "pretty well in a slump" prior to September but has been picking up lately, indicating that the company is more concerned with holding its own at the moment than with expanding employment.

Charles Grove, of Computing Devices, (1,420 employees) admitted the electronic industry is having a "slow time" at the moment because the government is not buying much defence equipment.

While it is hard to put a finger on exactly where the necessary ney jobs will materialize, Don McClymont, head of the Ottawa Board of Trade, is optimistic about the city's economic future.

Mr. McClymont said that although he doesn't see "many more job opportunities developing" in the next four or five months, he expects the future to be bright because the federal government is centred in Ottawa.

Mr. McClymont explained that the city tends to grow as the government expands its services. Regular pay cheques and few strikes gives Ottawa a stable climate for investment, he said.

It looks, therefore, as if the necessary jobs for Ottawa's expanding labor force will be provided — not by any specific group of employers but on the basis of a generally healthy economy.



GOING TO A NEW HOME

One of the 96 retarded children at Gatineau's Pavillon Claude is carried into an ambulance for the trip to his new home at Pavillon du Parc in Aylmer. With lights flashing and sirens blaring, five ambulances spent seven hours shuttling the children the 15 miles to their new home.

(Journal Photo by The Canadian Press)

Retarded children moved to new Aylmer location

By DAVID YATES

The 96 mentally retarded children at Pavillon Claude, Gatineau, were moved to their new home in Aylmer Tuesday despite a last gasp bid to block the transfer.

Officials at Pavillon Claude, owned by Claude Gauthier, delayed the move by three hours as they waited in vain for word from the Quebec department of social affairs calling it off.

"We were hoping it would be put off, but it wasn't," said Jean-Paul Deslierres, of the Association of Private Establishments, shortly after the first of five ambulances began transporting the children to Aylmer at 1 p.m.

The association represents the privately-run institutions across the province had hoped to stop the move ordered in a Nov. 14 directive from the department of social affairs.

Pavillon Claude was ordered closed by Tuesday because it did not meet the norms set by the department.

It had only 8,000 square feet of space and no room for recreation facilities.

The children's new home, Pavillon du Parc at the Redemptorist Seminary, has 20,000 square feet of space and will be run by a non-profit association.

The ambulances spent seven hours shuttling the children to Pavillon du Parc and most had been bedded down by 9 p.m., said director Jacques Patry.

The Corporation du Pavillon du Parc has spent $100,000 renovating the new facilities and an elevator to connect the four floors will be operating by March.

For the past two weeks the children's parents have been busy scrubbing floors and setting up beds and many were on hand at Pavillon du Parc to welcome their children.

"We wanted to help them to get ready for the move, but we couldn't get near Pavillon-Claude," said one mother at Pavillon du Parc.

The Pavillon Claude parking lot had been jammed with cars — apparently belonging to employees — but a path to the entrance was cleared without fuss when the ambulances moved in at 1 p.m.

The extra space at Pavillon du Parc will allow the children to receive special training and a specialist will be hired shortly to oversee special programs.

"We intend to get the children out of their rooms to do exercises and learn how to dress themselves," said Mrs. Yvonne Fortier, president of Corporation du Pavillon du Parc and herself a mother of a retarded child.

Dr. Jacques Bernier, who organized the move for the department of social affairs, declared the children in good health before they left Pavillon Claude.

And Mr. Patry said the 15-mile journey to Aylmer did not disturb the children too much and predicted they would be well settled into their new surroundings within a few days.

The children arrived bundled in blankets, but without their clothes.

"We expected this to happen so we had clothes ready for them here," said Mr. Patry.

Pavillon du Parc has hired 32 of the 58 former Pavillon Claude employees and those who don't want to go to Aylmer will receive four months' pay.

Jury urges children ride proper bicycles

A recommendation calling for safety programs stressing the importance of children riding proper size bicycles was made by a coroner's jury Tuesday.

The jury was inquiring into the death of Richard Douglas Mackay, 9, of 1199 Somerville St.

The boy was killed Aug. 3 on Shillington Avenue when the bicycle he was riding slipped beneath the wheel of a truck attempting to turn onto a construction site.

Witness Jean Lafreniere testified the bicycle appeared to be too big for the boy.

Mr. Lafreniere said he had noticed the boy a short time before the accident and the boy appeared to have trouble pedalling. He said moments before the accident the boy tried to stop but could not.

The boy's father, Barry Mackay told the jury the family had recently moved to the area. He said his son would be unfamiliar with the surroundings and wouldn't know about the trucks turning onto the construction site.

A 10-year-old boy told the jury that he and the deceased had started to race their bicycles down the street shortly before the accident.

The jury ruled the boy contributed to his own death by racing on his bicycle in unfamiliar surroundings.

Besides recommending programs to "stress the importance of the proper size of bicycles in relation to a child's size," the jury recommended all construction sites be marked clearly to indicate turning trucks and other vehicles.

Council still skeptical on $200,000 pool repair

By RICK LYONS

City council is still skeptical spending $200,000 to repair the Brewer Park indoor pool will spell an end to problems with the four-year-old building.

Council demonstrated its apprehension Tuesday night by voting 17 to 3 in favor of having board of control provide more information surrounding the problem before it supports calling tenders to have the northeast corner of the $600,000 pool re-built.

Brewer pool has been closed to the public for more than 14 months and last night's setback in getting the repair job underway will lessen the chances the pool can be re-opened early next year.

The pool was closed after cracks developed in the building when support pilings sagged.

The city has already spent $82,769 to demolish the damaged portion of the building and extract suspect concrete piles.

Council eagerly supported Alderman Garry Guzzo's motion tenders not be called for the repair work until city solicitor Don Hambling produces a detailed opinion outlining where the city stands legally on the complex problem over who is responsible for paying the repair bills.

Members of council were further disturbed when Alderman Don Kay said he had spoken to a consultant who expressed the view repairing the damaged area of the building may not be an end to the city's woes with the structure.

Alderman Kay said his discussions were forcing him to oppose supporting the tender call recommended by board of control.

"If you have information that we could be wasting $200,000 on this building it's your duty to tell us," demanded Alderman Gale Kerwin.

Alderman Kay replied his talks with the consultant were strictly confidential and he could not reveal his source.

But at the request of Mayor Fogarty, Alderman Kay said he would hold a further meeting with his friend and possibly have an "unsigned" report prepared for board of control's examination.

Alderman Ralph Sutherland suggested it may be valuable to find out now how much it would cost to install new support piles under the entire structure instead of running the risk of facing another bill at a later date.

Mayor Fogarty also agreed to consider a suggestion from council a meeting with consultants now engaged to advise on building repair procedures may help council to reach a firm decision.

'Melter' machine set to top off canal ice

Longer the winter, better NCC's MacNiven likes it

By RICHARD JACKSON

Winter may have set in ahead of schedule, but by the National Capital Commission that's just dandy.

The longer the winter, says NCC assistant general manager J. A. MacNiven in charge of the "fun and games division," the more time to enjoy its "snow and ice is beautiful" program.

So what's new?

The new "melter," a machine built in the NCC shops to turn the top skin of ice on the Rideau Canal rink into water for rapid re-freezing.

Almost instant new ice.

All the way from behind the National Arts Centre out to Dows Lake.

Also new on the "winter is wonderful" kick for the NCC is the provision of three cottages along the Gatineau's ski and snowshoe trails for thawing out over steaming mugs of coffee.

The cottages, previously owned privately, are NCC property, and will be equipped cooperatively by the commission and the Ottawa Ski Club with firewood, stoves, pots and pans for the comfort and convenience of the cross-country skier and snowshoer.

It'll be run strictly on the BYO (bring your own) coffee that is, basis.

Then there are the plowed — 12-feet wide and skinned down to the asphalt — miles of bikeways.

Makes for nice clean strolling and dog-walking all the way from LeBreton Flats along the Ottawa River Parkway to Carling Avenue. Wind-sheltered, too. Great for tans on sunny days.

Tobogganing's your bag?

Four choices here:

Fairy Lake on the Quebec side, just across the Champlain Bridge and up the lower leg of the parkway; off the Cedarview Road in Bells Corners; near the Conroy Road in Blossom Park in the deep south end; and at Green Creek out beyond the eastern suburbs.

Good, steep, well-groomed, long smooth glides down what used to be the flanks of old quarries, now bulldozed to the right incline.

But the real big winter deal for the NCC is still to be the Rideau Canal rink, an attraction last year despite those 14 snowy feet, that pulled in skaters from as far away as Montreal and Kingston.

This year, a small starting hitch.

Only one bid to tender for the three service centres the NCC plans.

Some 12 potential bidders had indicated interest, but only the one came through with an offer to operate the centres.

So the NCC is "thinking it over," trying to decide whether to accept the single bid or put out another tender call.

But time's short..

Tuesday NCC plows and scrapers cleared part of the ice of its snow-cover, so the frost could get to it and harden it for safe skating.

Should take two weeks.

Meanwhile because the hazard of thin ice on certain deep holes is a danger, the NCC is putting up barriers and warning "keep off" signs, and not lowering steps to the surface.

Each centre will have three buildings.

There will be three centres: — one each at Dows Lake, Fifth Avenue and Delaware Avenue.

The main one for snacks, flanked by two heated changing huts equipped with wash basins and toilets.

The successful bidder will operate the centres on a sort of fee and cost-plus basis still to be settled since there has been only the one tender.

And, oh yes — not to worry about garbage on the ice — for it will be written into the contract that the operator will clean up the empty cigarette packs, candy bar wrappers, empty bottles, coffee cups and other junk discarded by litterbugs.

The NCC feels it all shapes up like a fun winter.

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